

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

KARLA PEREZ, R.N..
License # NR 12082200

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about May 27, 2014, a letter issued on behalf of the Board, reiterating a request made on August 13, 2013 for documentation of continuing education requirements for the renewal period of June 1, 2009-May 31, 2011.

(Respondent's response to the earlier request included certificates of completion for training taken in 2001, which did not constitute valid continuing education, and documentation of 12 hours of continuing education completed in 2007. There was also documentation of completion of in-service courses which were timely, but not properly

accredited, and which did not indicate any credit hours. This second request also asked respondent to provide documentation of continuing education in satisfaction of the continuing education requirements for the 2011-2013 renewal period as well as the 2009-2011 renewal period, for a total of 60 contact hours of continuing education.

3. In response to the letter of May 27, 2014, respondent sent in documentation of 33.2 contact hours of valid continuing education, of which 19.7 hours were completed subsequent to May 31, 2013, and 13.5 hours were completed subsequent to June 1, 2011, but prior to May 31, 2013.

4. Respondent indicated on her 2011 and 2013 renewal applications that she would have timely completed all continuing education requirements by May 31, 2011 and May 31, 2013, respectively.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to document timely completion of 30 contact hours of nursing continuing education for both the 2011 and 2013 renewal periods constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

2. Respondent's indication on her renewal applications for 2011 and 2013 that she would have timely completed all required continuing education for the 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 renewal periods by May 31, 2013 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on July 7, 2014, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a reprimand and a \$250 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was

served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 24th day of October, 2014,

ORDERED that:

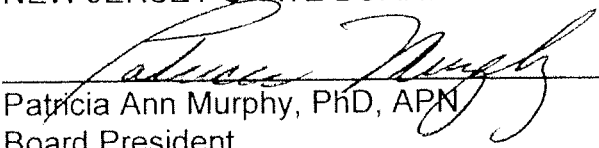
1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended until she can demonstrate that she has successfully completed an additional 26.8 contact hours of nursing continuing education to satisfy the continuing education requirements of the 2011-2013 renewal periods.¹
2. A public reprimand is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).
3. Two civil penalties in the amount of \$250 are hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3 in connection with two renewal periods, for a total penalty amount of \$500.00. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and forwarded to the attention of George Hebert, R.N., M.A., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124

¹ 30 of the 33.2 contact hours already submitted are attributed to the 2009-2011 renewal period, which leaves 3.2 contact hours to attribute to the 2011-2013 renewal period.

Halsey Street, Newark, NJ 07101, and shall be forwarded within twenty-one (21) days of the filing of a Final Order of Discipline in this matter.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President